

evaluate ocean carriers' practices for port calls and cargo bookings, as well as the impact of preferential berthing afforded under our bill. A similar data-collection provision sponsored by U.S. Senator ROGER F. WICKER's (R-MS) on container and chassis availability is incorporated as Section 16 (Dwell Time Statistics) of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-146), of which I was the House sponsor.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members to co-sponsor the American Port Access Privileges Act to ensure fair trade for U.S. businesses and keep hard-won foreign markets accessible to California's agricultural exporters. As a senior member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the former ranking member of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation from the 113th to the 115th Congresses, I plan to make this legislation a major priority.

HONORING KERI K. GRIFFIN AS A
DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL
FLORIDA FOR PRIDE
MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Keri Griffin has been working as a clinical social worker since 1996. Keri's first job was working in detox at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. Keri then graduated from the University of Dayton in 1997 with a major in psychology and minors in social work and sociology. Keri graduated with her master's in social work from the University of Maryland School of Social Work in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1999 with a clinical concentration and substance abuse specialization.

While working on her master's, Keri worked at the Social Work Community Outreach Service at Maree Farring Elementary School and with the University of Maryland Medical System intensive outpatient program and maternal substance abuse and acupuncture program. After graduating with her master's, Keri continued to work in Baltimore at the Johns Hopkins University Cornerstone program and the University of Maryland Medical System comprehensive recovery program. Keri moved to Florida in 2000 and became a licensed clinical social worker and a certified addictions professional in the state of Florida. Keri has worked with Lakeside Alternatives at the Orange Regional Juvenile Detention Center, at the Center for Drug-Free Living Addiction Receiving Facility, as well as at the Women's Residential Program in Kissimmee and at Mental Health Network.

For almost 17 years, Keri has worked at the Orlando VA Health Care System. Keri worked for her first 5 years at the VA in the alcohol and drug abuse treatment program and for 12 years as a therapist in the mental health clinic. For the past 12 years, Keri has served in collateral duty roles as the Orlando VA's LGBTQ+ special emphasis program manager and veteran care coordinator—providing support and services for employees and veteran patients as well as training and education, outreach, and development of community partnerships. Through dedication and hard work, Keri

was able to facilitate and elevate the LGBTQ+ veteran care program coordinator to a full-time position at the OVAHCS as of Fiscal Year 2021-22. Keri serves as the VA VISN 8 LGBTQ+ veteran care coordinator lead, is the national LGBTQ+ VCC lead forum lead, developed and facilitates a monthly inter-disciplinary LGBTQ+ treatment team at the OVAHCS, and chairs the OVAHCS LGBTQ+ special emphasis program working closely with the diversity and inclusion team and the EEO at the OVAHCS.

Due to her hard work with the LGBTQ+ veteran population at the VA, Keri received national I CARE awards in 2015, 2018, 2020, and 2021, the VA Social Worker of the Year Award for 2016, and a National Special Contribution Award in 2016 for her contributions after the Pulse tragedy. Keri recently received a Certificate of Special Recognition for Federal Employee of the Year, Honorable Mention, for Service to the Community for Central Florida 2022.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF AMY LANGDON

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Amy Langdon on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Her contributions to our community as a Rosie the Riveter are worthy of commendation.

Born on July 25, 1922, Mrs. Langdon was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, she attended Northern High School until her family moved to Huntington Woods, Michigan prior to her senior year. She graduated from Royal Oak High School in 1940. She later attended Michigan State University where she studied History. During her summers off from college she worked at Hudson's in Downtown Detroit. In 1943 she was offered the opportunity to serve her country and work at the Highland Park Ford plant where she did the electrical wiring on the M-5 Director, which determined the altitude of an aerial targets. Working on this confidential project, she didn't know the names of the other women she worked with and wasn't able to tell her family about her top-secret job. She played a critical role in supporting American troops overseas and provided for the defense of our soldiers during World War II. As one of the original Rosie the Riveters, Amy's hard work, grit, and patriotism not only sustained the American war effort, but paved a path for the next generation of working women.

While attending Michigan State University she met her husband, who served in the United States Air Force. She traveled to the military base by train on her own and they married on March 20, 1945. Together they spent their life raising their family and traveling to over fifty-five countries. In her spare time, she is an avid golfer, puzzle enthusiast, and talented oil painter. The longest running volunteer in Beaumont hospital history, she has delivered mail to patients for over forty-five years until COVID hit. An active member of her community and a friend to all, she is a longtime member of Philanthropic Educational Opportunities for Women and multiple garden

clubs. Beloved by her family, she made sure that she hosted Thanksgiving every year. The biggest Michigan State sports fan, she never misses a football or basketball game.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Amy Langdon on her 100th birthday. I join with her family—including her two children, two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren and friends in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day and as they dedicate a rosebush in her honor at the Ross McFadden House in Dearborn. I am proud to honor her life, her accomplishments, and her invaluable contributions to our nation as a Rosie the Riveter. Today we should all live by her motto as we celebrate one hundred years of Amy—Yesterday is gone, tomorrow isn't here yet, I live for today.

HONORING MR. PEDRO "PETE"
MORALES

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life achievements of Mr. Pedro "Pete" Morales, in celebration of his 80th birthday. Born June 22, 1942, Mr. Morales has selflessly served his community in Red Hook, Brooklyn for over 73 years.

When he was a boy, Pete Morales' family was one of the first from Puerto Rico to move into Red Hook public housing. Being a minority among Irish and Italian immigrants made them a target. Pete's father had to send his son back to Puerto Rico for a period after Pete's younger brother Nelson was badly beaten. Nevertheless, Pete returned to Red Hook to box every one of his brother's attackers and grew to get along with everybody regardless of nationality or ethnicity. Everyone grew to love Pete.

As Commissioner of the Red Hook Youth baseball league, Pete Morales coached generations of kids growing up in his beloved community. Pete has also been a voice for tenant rights, affordable housing and served as an active member of Fifth Avenue Committee's advisory board for new affordable housing in the neighborhood. Pete has also been a tireless advocate for the environment and better neighborhood conditions through Red Hook Groups Against Garbage Sites (GAGS) which fought a massive trash incinerator and countless solid waste transfer stations seeking to cluster in the community which were successfully reversed. Mr. Morales has long served at Visitation Church as a Eucharistic Minister and continues to be a recognized elder.

Mr. Morales remains a solid pillar of the community, well respected by generations of neighbors, leaders, and the local clergy from his decades of community service. Through his life-long dedication to his community, Pete Morales has made Red Hook a better place to live. I thank Mr. Pedro Morales for his public service and offer him best wishes for a well-deserved and happy 80th birthday.